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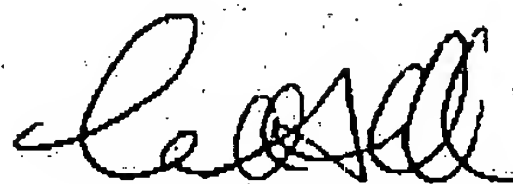
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ELECTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 15, 2004, Applicants wish to respond as follows:

Applicants provisionally elect Group V, which includes Claims 110, 123, and 124.

REMARKS

The Examiner requires a restriction between six groups of claims, namely Group I, which includes Claims 111-113 that are directed to a rearview mirror assembly, an information display, and an electro-optic reflective element; Group II, which includes Claims 114-116 that are directed to a rearview mirror assembly, an information display, and a camera; Group III, which includes Claim 119 that is directed to a rearview mirror assembly, an information display, and at least one LED; Group IV, which includes Claims 120-122 that are directed to a rearview mirror assembly, an information display, and the housing details; Group V, which includes Claims 123 and 124 that are directed to a rearview mirror assembly, an information display, and the mirror casing details; and Group VI, which includes Claim

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125 that is directed to a rearview mirror assembly, an information display, a mirror casing, and at least one indicator. However, the Examiner admits that Claim 110 links Groups I-VI, and that Claims 117 and 118 link Groups III and IV. Therefore, upon allowance of a linking claim, the restriction would be withdrawn as to the claims in the non-elected group or groups.

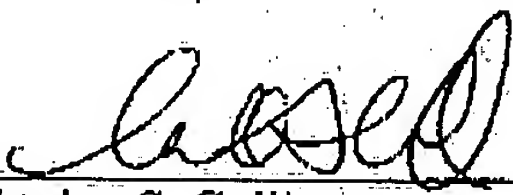
Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 975-5506 or by email Collins@vglb.com.

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